

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-7, 9, 21, 22, and 24-26, and add new claims 31 and 32 as noted on the pages that follow.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Applicants submit, for consideration, the accompanying formal drawings for Figures 1-12, which have been amended, as appropriate, according to the Examiner's objections. Further, Applicants submit, for consideration, new drawing labeled Figure 13, which shows an illustration of a panel incorporating the fastening system disclosed in the present application. Applicants respectfully request consideration and authorization to add the same by the Examiner.

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REPLACEMENT SHEET

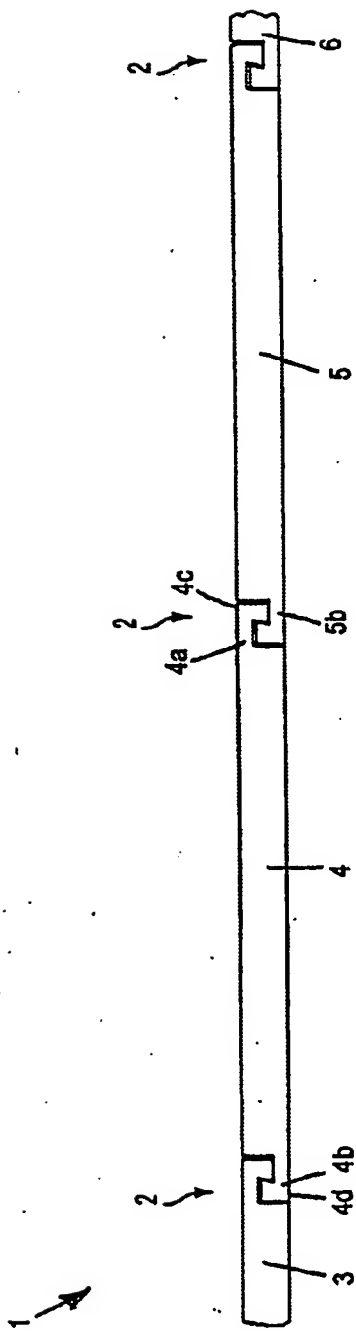
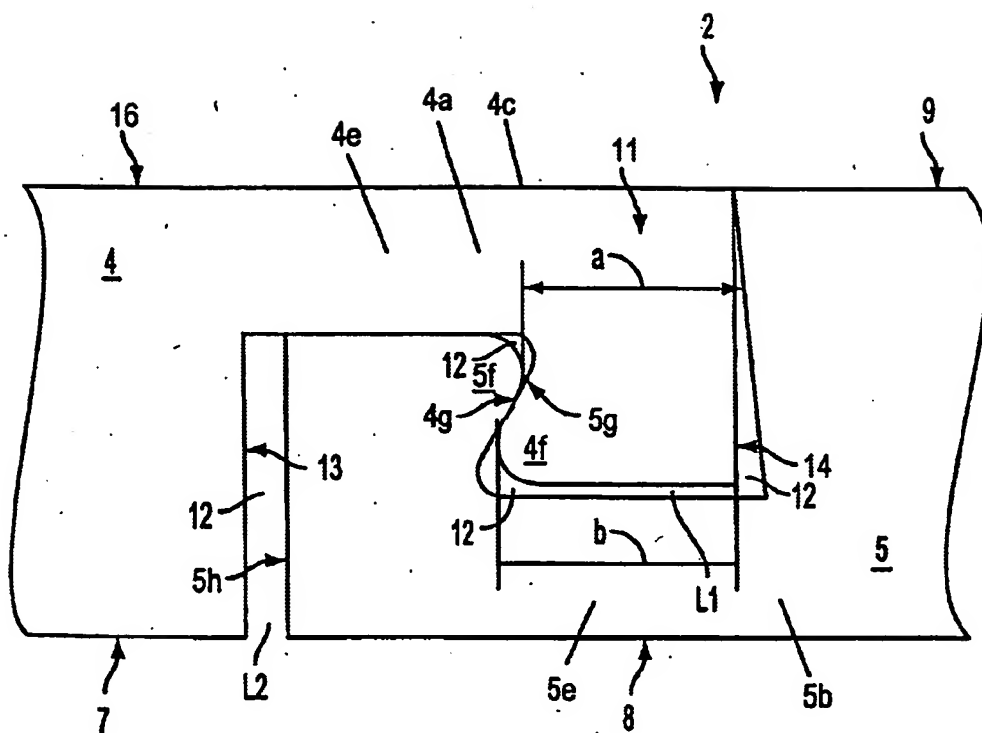


FIG. 1



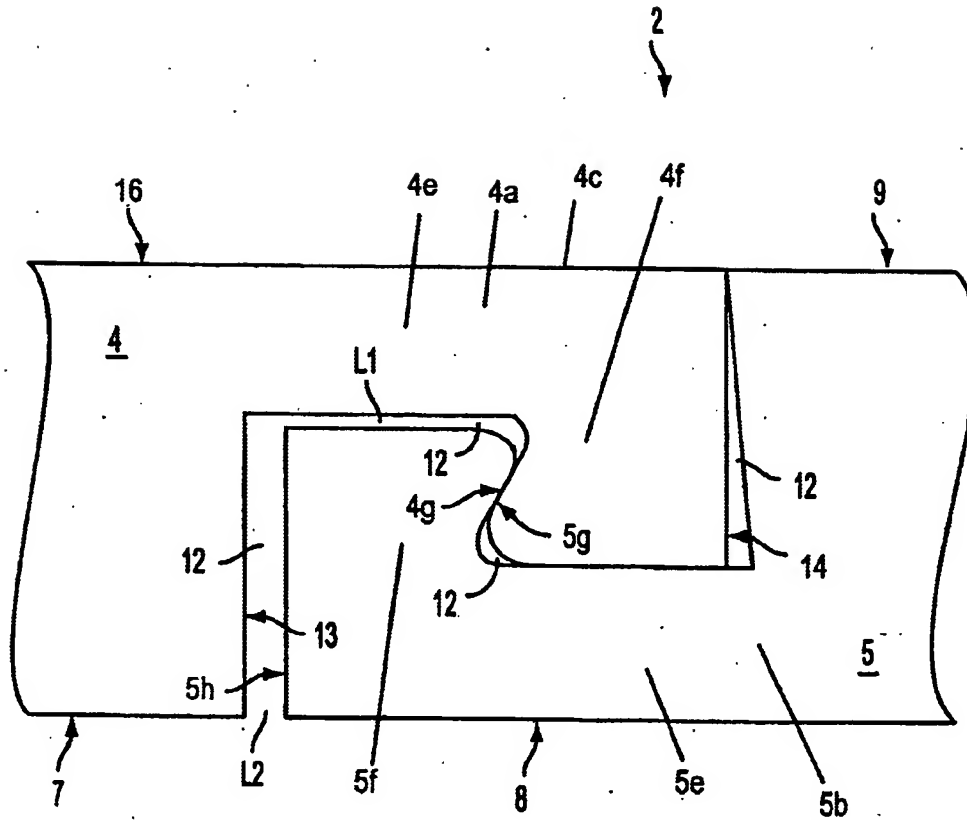


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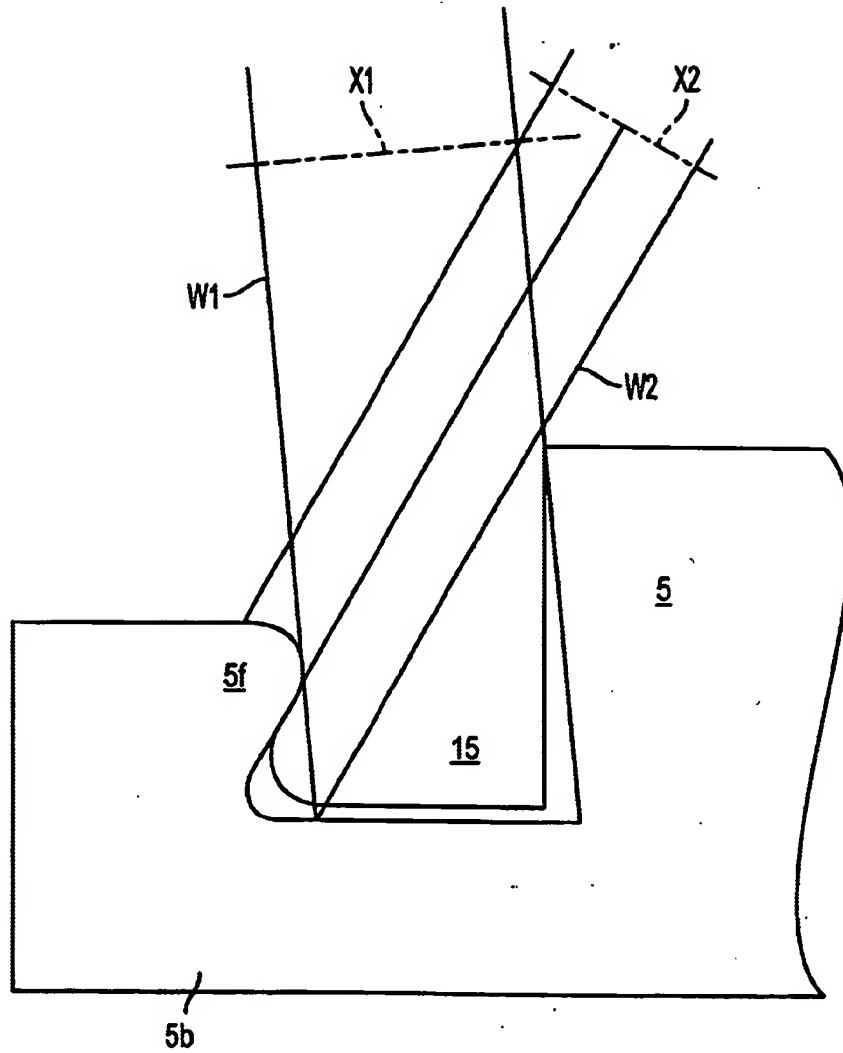


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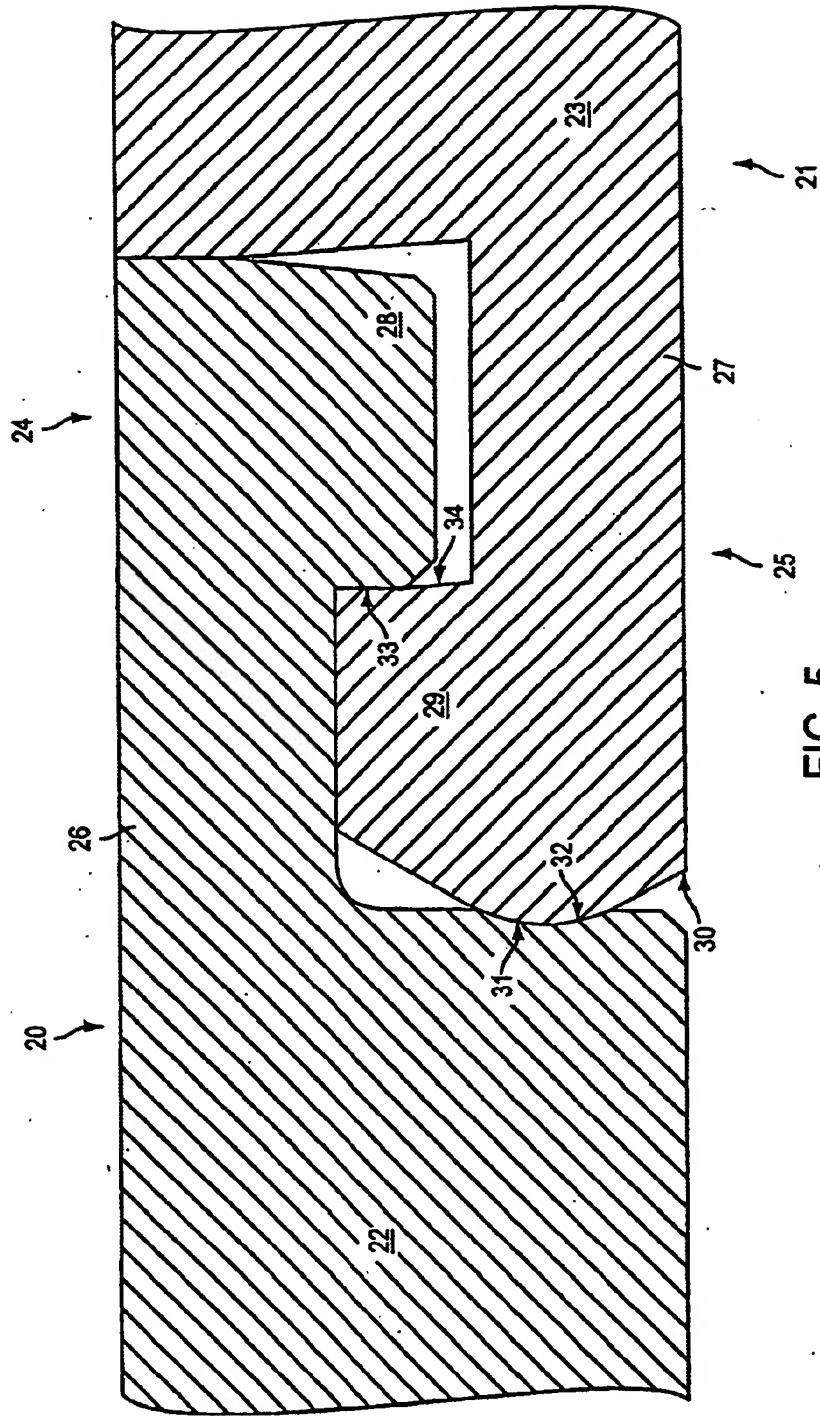


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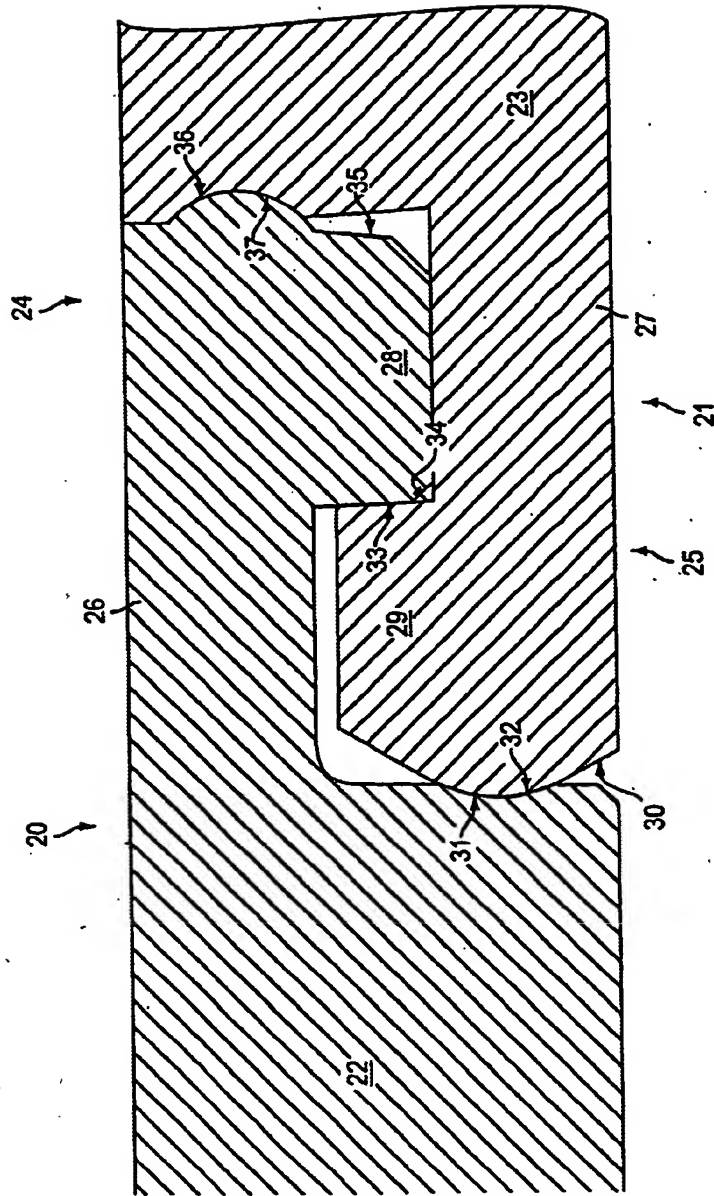


FIG. 5.1

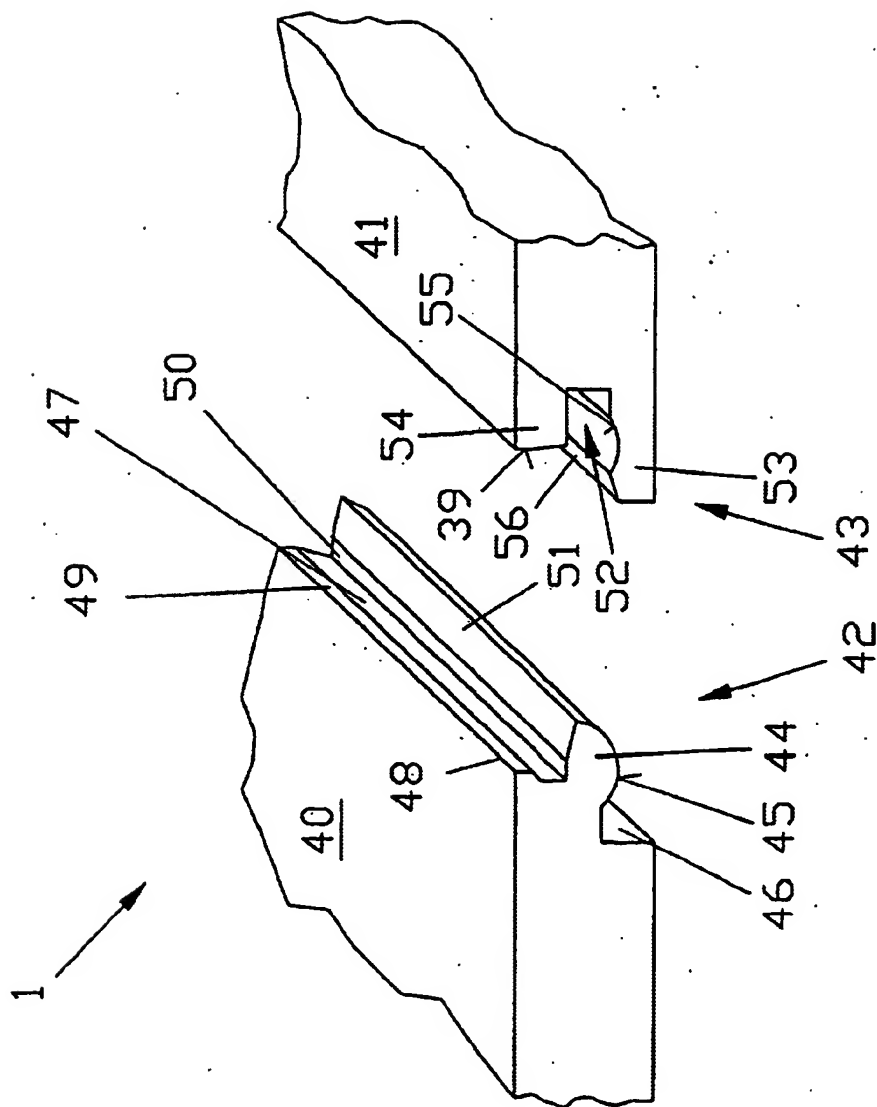


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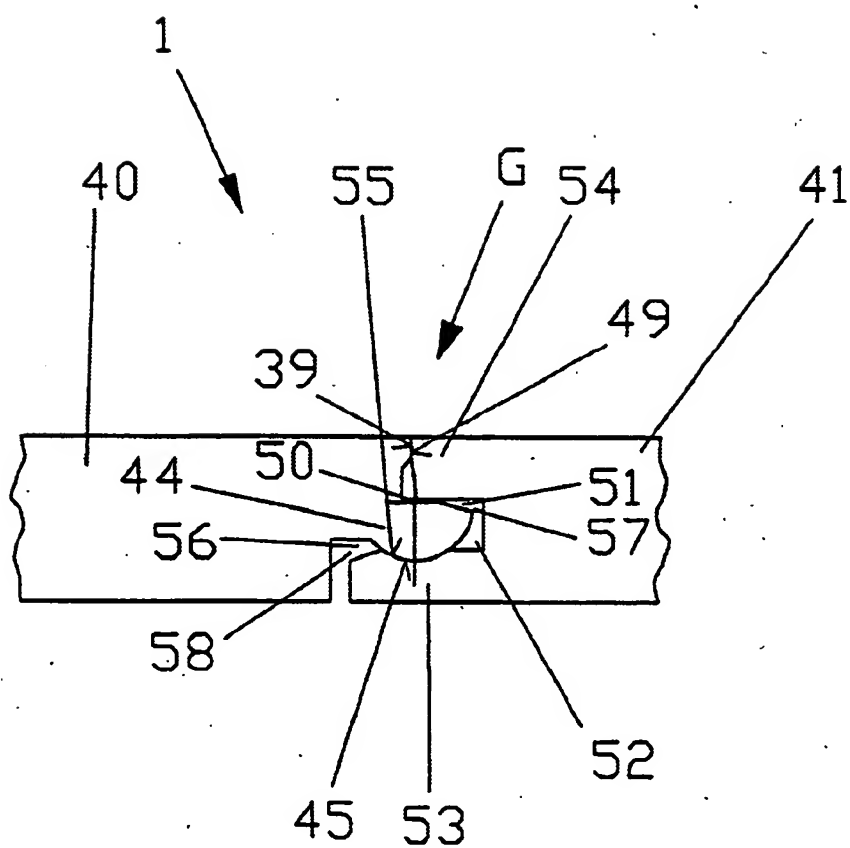


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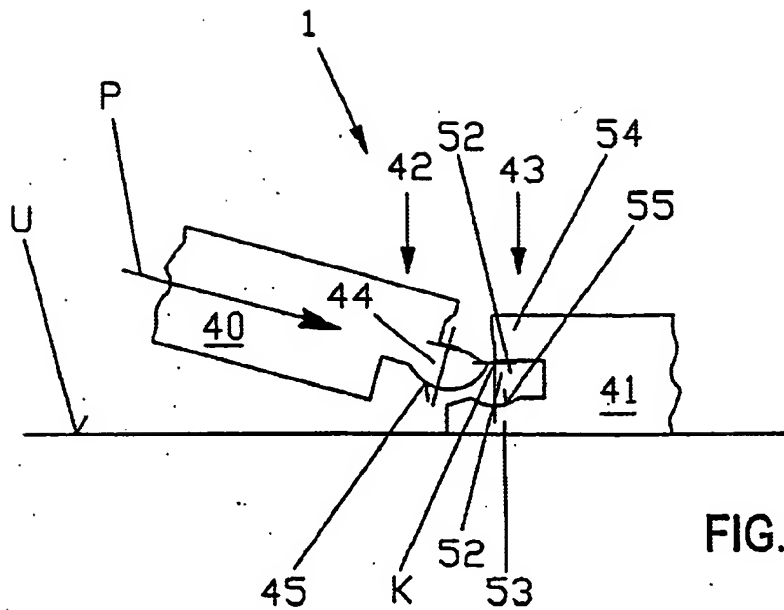


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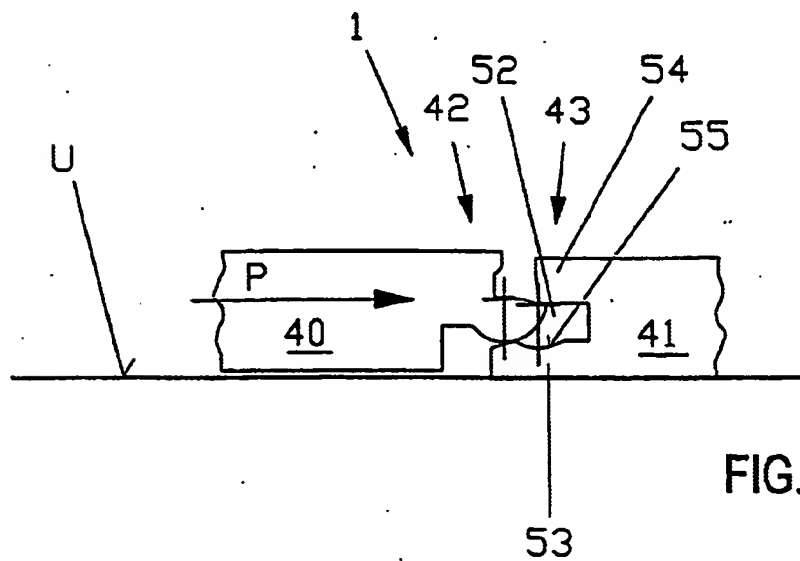


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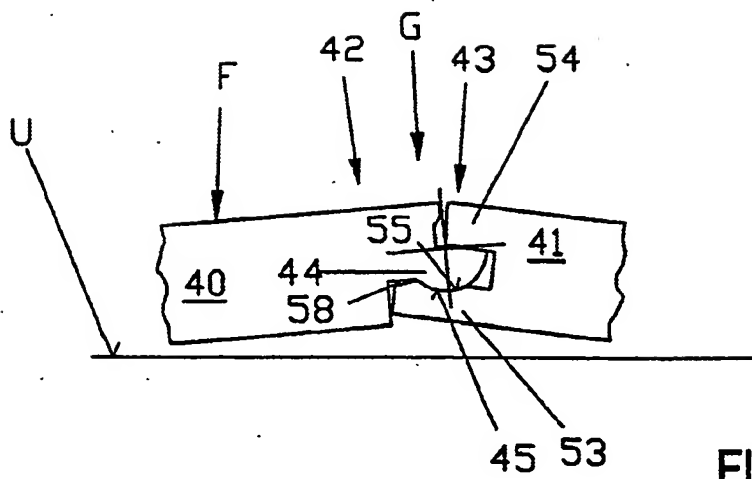


FIG. 10

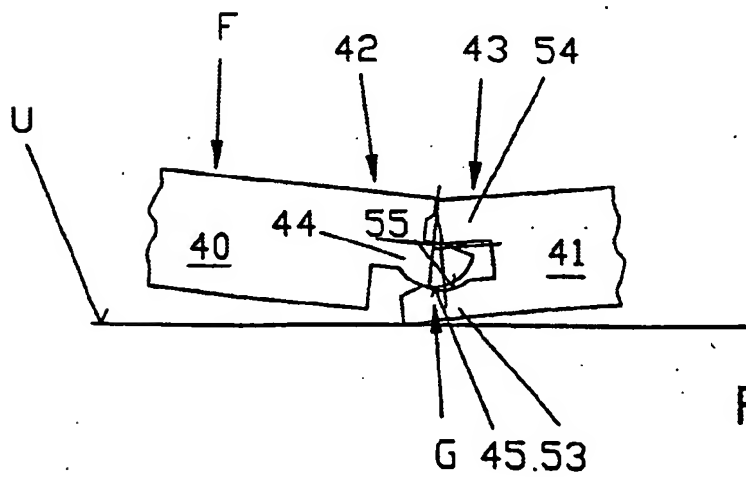


FIG. 11

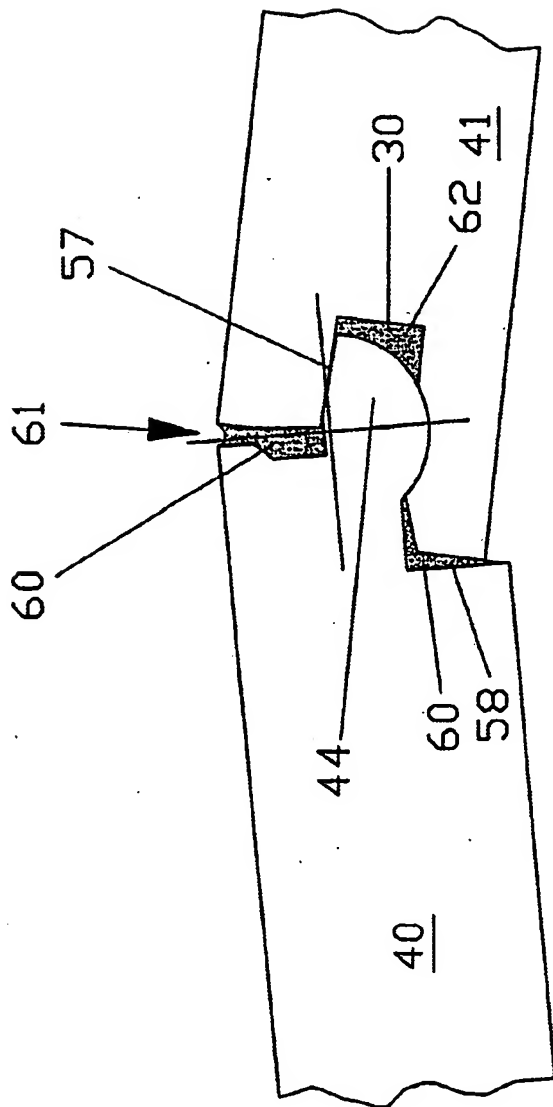


FIG. 12

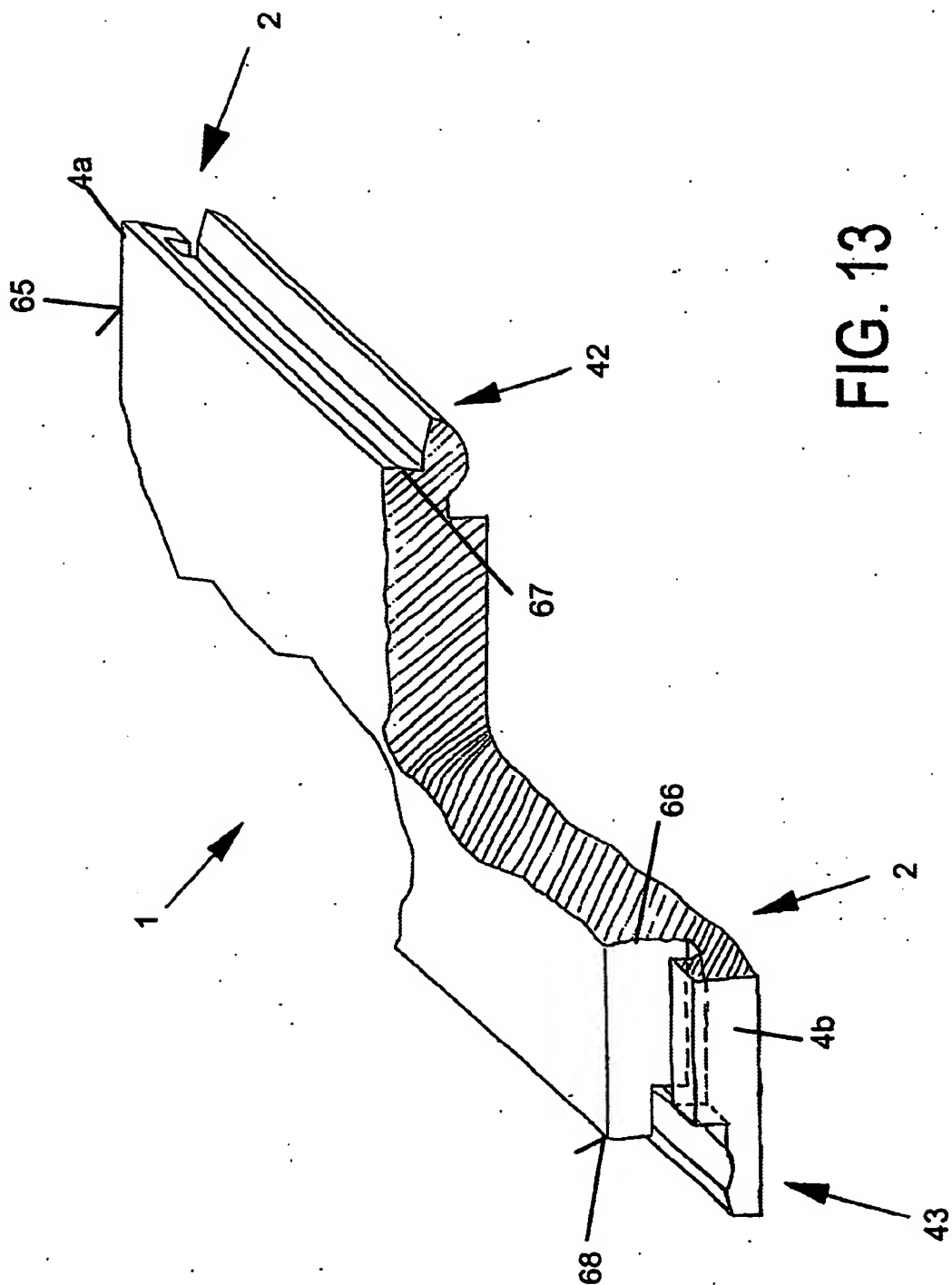


FIG. 13